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1. FACT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HELD PRESS CONFERENCE MENTIONED
ON BULGARIAN RADIO NEWSCASTS LATE TUES 25 FEB AND EARLY WED
26 FEOEV NO REPORTING ON SANSTANCE OF CONFERENCE/7 ,9 :9;34-&3
IN MAJOR BULGARIAN NEWSPAPERS MORNING WED 26 FEB.

2. IN PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO" WED 26 FEB ON FOREIGN
NEWS PAGE BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT GEORGI KALOYWSOV REVIEWS EFFORTS
BY EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN AND PLO TO REACH COMMON POSITIONS,
WHICH HE CALLS "OF PARAMOUNT SIGNIFICANCE TO CAUSE OF ARAB
FREEDOM. THIS IS MEANING OF POLITICAL INITIATIVES WHICH HAVE BEEN

UNDERTAKEN, EVEN MORE SO SINCE IN PRESENT STAGE OF MID-EAST
CRISIS ISRAEL AND USA ARE STRENGTHENING MANEUVERS TO BREAK
APART THE ARAB FRONT".

3. "DELO" FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR NENCHO KHRANOV ON SAME
PAGE HAS SIGNED COMMENTARY ON VIENNA MBFR NEGOTIATIONS:
"SADLY POSITIONS OF WESTERN STATES...ARE NOT CONSTRUCTIVE
AND RUN COUNTER TO VITAL PRINCIPLE ACCEPTED BY ALL SIDES AT
PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS...NOT TO HARM SECURITY OF ANY
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STATE WHICH WILL SIGN THE FUTURE AGREEMENT. OBVIOUSLY BANKRUPT

IS SUGGESTION OF NATO STATES THAT SOVIET UNION WITHDRAW FROM
THIS REGION TWICE AS MANY TROOPS AS USA...NOW WESTERN
STATES MUST SHOW IN ACTION HOW SERIOUS THEY REGARD THIS
IMPORTANT FORUM FOR DISARMAMENT".
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